

and at the whim of him. And if they...if he's upset that his appointees aren't doing things the way he wants them done then, my God, for him to be able to come to the Legislature and do away with all of them in the stroke of one piece of legislation...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...is unbelievable.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I say again what has been stated, and I'll say it again and again. The Governor has created a track record. He has shown himself to be petty, vindictive and petulant in dealing with the Parole Board. He has tried to come to the Judiciary Committee through legislative means, and then at one point, through a constitutional proposal, to change the way the Parole Board operates to give himself control over them and their decision-making. When this government was put in place the assumption is that thoughtful people were looking at a process by which not only the people would be ruled and governed but how the agencies of government would function. Because of the quasi judicial nature of the Parole Board reference was made to that board in the constitution so that the Legislature or a Governor of the kind sitting in the office over there now could not just come in and on whim abolish it because of political pressure, or to obtain some kind of political benefit or advantage. When the NEOC, when the NEOC was put into place the purpose was to frustrate the effort of people with complaints about discrimination to take those complaints directly to the federal government. The NEOC was not created with the intent to fight and overcome discrimination, it was to put a hurdle in the path of those who would seek redress through the federal government. So this commission was put in place. Once it was established the public accepted the notion that because of the representation made by their governmental officials that this commission has the job of solving problems based on discrimination against certain identified protected classes, it was determined, even when the thing was being put together for a motive that was not pure, that the only way it would have a chance of doing anything is if it is independent. An agency of